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In the prezent iseu we hav maid the eksperiment ov adopting *y* for *ie*, *eu* for *yu*, *oo* for the long and the short vouel, *er* in strest az wel az in unstrest pozishonz. We hav dun this *az an eksperiment*, bekauz we feel that befor a fynal opinion kan be eksprest, our reederz shood hav ampel oporteunitiz ov jujing whot efekt theez chainjez wood hav.

THE PRES AND SPELING REFORM.

A PLEE FOR A JERNALISTIK KROOSAID.

By WILLIAM ARCHER.

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AMUNG the miriad unforseen and undezynd rezults ov the Wor thair iz wun, aparentli tryfling, which aut by no meenz tu be oeverlookt. The influks ov Belgianz intu England iz leeding tu a veri wyd realyzaishon ov the obstakelz our speling plaisez in the wai ov the foriner hoo seeks tu lern English. Heer we hav thouzandz ov intelijent peepel living in enforst ydelnes, meni ov hoom aask for nuthing beter than tu pik up sum nolej ov the langwij ov thair hoests; but on everi hand aryzez the komplaint that the riten werd oferz no shoor gydans tu the spoeken sound, nor duz the spoeken werd enaibel the lerner tu rekognyz it when printed. Utherwyz the langwij iz aul that kan be dezyrd. Aloen amung European tungz, it iz not kumberd with arbitrari and irashonal "jenderz." It haz feu trubelsum inflekshonz and konkordz. Its arainjment ov termz iz kleer and lojikal. It prezents, no dout, sum difikultiz ov pronunsiaishon, but, aafter aul, it iz never nesesari tu pronouns a forin langwij tu perfekshon; eu kan maik eurself understood without that. If the Belgianz kood pik up our langwij by eer it wood kum tu them eezili enuf, but, az soon az thai tern tu books and neuspaiperz, thai fynd not aid, but bewilderment.

This iz unforteunait, but, amung so meni much graiter misforteunz, it atrakts litel noetis. If the disadvaantij wer suferd oenli by forinerz, eeven tho thai be frendz and alyz, we kood aford tu poot up with it. Whot we kan not aford iz tu let our oen children, from jeneraishon tu jeneraishon, aul the werld oever, goe throo the saim difikultiz, tho in a sumwhot diferent form. Speling, ov kors, materz nuthing tu the English-speeking chyld until he atemts tu reed, and espeshali tu ryt, hiz muther tung. Then he haz tu imprint upon hiz memori an endles seereez ov arbitrari inkonsistensiz on pain ov being set doun az an unedeukaited man, and being eksklooded from aul the hoest ov aktivitiz which kan be aproecht oenli throo sum literari test. If Shakespeare kaim tu lyf tumoroe, and konseevd the ambishon ov bekuming a poest-ofis klark at a pound a week, he wood sertinli be rejekted on akount ov hiz unkonvenshonal speling.

HOU NEUSPAIPERZ MYT HELP.

In saiing aul this I am going oever wel troden ground and staiting fakts which hav paast aulmoest beyond kontroversi. The Simplifyd Speling Sosyeti, in the seven yeerz ov its egzistens, haz dun a grait deel tu edeukait the publik, and eeven the jernalistik, mynd. Wun seldum heerz nou the rank imbesilitiz which eust tu be braut forwerd eeven by utherwyz intelijent men in defens ov the kurent speling. Peepel mai not hav lernt much, but thai hav at leest begun tu realyz the depths ov thair ignorans boeth ov fonetiks and ov the histori ov langwij. At the saim tym the Simplifyd Speling Sosyeti itself haz lernt a good deel. Whyl it haz been konfermd dai by dai in its estimait ov the importans ov reform, it haz realyzd eksperimentali—whot, indeed, it aulwaiz admited theoretikali—the imens difikulti ov aryving at a praktikal and jenerali akseptabel skeem ov simplifikaishon. It iz nou konsentraiting its eforts on sekeuring the signateurz ov everi wun hoo iz interested in edeukaishon tu a monster petishon praiing the Guvernment tu apoint a komishon ov skolarz, edeukaishonists, men ov leterz, and men ov biznes tu konsider the hoel kwestion. And in this efort I sujest that the presaut tu giv the Sosyeti its help. Noet that the synerz ov the petishon komit themselvz tu no opinion beyond the simpel veu that the kwestion iz important and werthi ov kairful studi. Thai doo not plej themselvz eeven tu the prinsipel ov reform, much les tu eni egzisting sistem.

I kood fil paijez with a diskushon ov the difikultiz and keuriositiz ov a fasinaiting subjekt. But I wont tu "konklood with

a moeshon." Why shood not sum paiper—when the Wor iz oever and we kan wuns mor breeth and think—why shood not sum paiper taik up the subjekt ov Simplifyd Speling and maik it its oen, giving a sertin amount ov spais wuns or twys a week tu diskushon ov the subjekt and eksperiment in vairius formz ov simplifikaishon ?

The Klaim of India.

A moovment ov this importans kan not be brusht asyd, for it iz a mater ov nashonal, impeerial, and internashonal moement. For egzaampel, we aul hoep that prezent events ar going tu bring India intu a far mor intimait relaishon tu England than haz egzisted in the paast, and, if that be so, the Indian demaand for Simplifyd Speling, aulredi veri strong, wil be intensifyd. The ferst thing the traveler in India noets with wunder iz the perfekshon with which meni Indianz speek English, for thai hav a grait talent for langwij ; but he aulso noets that, when a wel edeukaited Indian maiks a mistaik, it iz aulmoest aulwaiz when he iz misled by sum irashonal speling. On theez groundz, and meni utherz, I sujest that, pending the Roial Komishon which we hoep tu sekeur, sum neuspaiper wood be dooing boeth itself and the kauz ov nashonal efishensi a servis if it oepend its kolumz tu a thuroe ventilaishon ov the subjekt. And why not several neuspaiperz — wun or mor in eech ov our grait sitiz ? It shood be noeted, houever, that the Simplifyd Speling kolum wood in everi kais hav tu be edited by an ekspert.

CANADA'Z AWAIKENING.

KORDIAL SUPORT OV THE PETISHON.

THE moovment for a rashonal speling kan look for a fair feeld and faivor in Canada. Speling reformerz at hoem wil reed with interest ov the grip which it haz aulredi on edeukaishonal thaut in the Dominionz. At the meeting ov the Ontario Edeukaishonal Asoesiaishon, held in the Euniversiti ov Toronto, a speshal aafternoon seshon woz given oever tu speling reform, and adresez wer deliverd by prominent suporterz ov the moovment, amung them Mr. William F. Maclean, B.A., M.P. ; Dr. L. E. Horning, M.A., Ph.D., Profesor in Victoria Euniversiti, Toronto ; Prof. John Dearness, M.A., Western Euniversiti and Normal Skool, London, Ontario, Sekretari tu the Canadian Braanch ov the Simplifyd Speling Sosyeti : Prof. George H. Danton, M.A., Eestern Feeld

Aijent ov the Simplifyd Speling Bord; and Mr. William Houston, M.A., Editor ov the "Daily Globe." We lern that sumariz ov theez adresez wer inkorporaited in reports ov the proseedingz in order that the impreshon maid on the audiens myt be sustaind. Prof. Dearness, hoo haz werkt so wel on the Sosyeti'z behaaf in Canada, red mesijiz from the Ryt On. Lord Bryce and Mr. F. Goldstone, M.P., Sekretari ov the Organyzing Komiti, Nashonal Eunion ov Teecherz.

Moest ov the speekerz took a direkt, vigorus, and seveerli praktikal lyn ov argeument. "Speling never maid a skolar," sed Mr. W. Maclean. Spain, Italy, and Germany had maid reformz in speling, and Britain woz praktikali the oenli kuntri that had not. If it woz posibel tu devyz an egzakt noetaishon for arithmetik in figerz, so woz it posibel tu akwyr mor or les egzakt noetaishon in langwij. For eekonomik reezonz alœn, reformz wer dezyrabel, bekauz he beleevd a saiving ov 15 per sent. in printing paiper and pres werk kood be maid, involving milionz ov dolarz yeerli. Simplifyd Speling woz the dyagonal roed tu efishensi in the ekspreshon ov our langwij.

In kontraast tu sum ov the windi oratori at hoem on the subjekt ov German kompetishon iz the definit and praktikal sujestion ov Mr. William Houston: "If speling iz tu be reformd, it must be dun az the Germanz hav dun it fifti yeerz agoe by kauling a konvenshon and agreing upon definit reformz. We mai tauk az we lyk about aiping the Germanz, but, if we ar going tu maik ourselvz az apt, redi, and efishent az thai ar, we must maik reformz."

Canadian Resepshon ov the Petishon.

The Petishon komendz itself tu Canadian opinion az a direkt method ov apeel tu the Edeukaishon Authoriti. Several hundredz ov signateurz wer obtaind, meni leederz ov edeukaishonal thaut being reprezented. It iz, ov kors, understood that such men syn for themselvz, not in thair reprezentativ kapasiti. We apend a feu ov the signateurz: Ser Sandford Fleming, Chaanselor ov Kween'z Euniversiti and a veri eminent publik man and syentist; Dr. E. E. Braithwaite, Prezident ov the Western Euniversiti; Dr. A. H. McDougall, a prominent edeukaishonist at the kapital; Dr. James L. Hughes, a veri wydli noen edeukaishonist in Canada and throo-out the United States, eks-Inspektor ov Skoolz in Toronto Siti; William Scott, B.A., Prinsipal ov Toronto Normal Skool; Dr. J. F. White, Prinsipal ov Ottawa Normal Skool; James W.

Gibson, M.A., Direktor ov Agrikulteural Edeukaishon in British Columbia; Dr. R. A. Thompson, Prinsipal ov wun ov the larjest koleejiait institeuts and eks-Prinsipal ov the Training Kolej for Hy Skool Teecherz.

The euthful vigor ov our Dependensiz, thair divyn impaishens ov obstakelz maiks them pekeuliarli fited tu giv a leed tu the Empyr in the mater ov reform. In Australia and India an entheuziastik resepshon haz been akorded our petishon. We heer, for egzaampel, that the Edeukaishonal Department ov Melbourne haz synd *en bloc*. Our Dependensiz—so paast hapeningz shoe us—ar perfektli awair ov the fakt that the lyon, whyl he haz a strength that kan not be ignord, haz at the saim tym a tail that kan be tweekt. It iz unnesesari tu ekspand the termz ov this metafor ferther tu the dizerning mynd.

THE WOR AND THE WERLD LANGWIJ.

By A. M. MEFF, M.A.

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THAIR iz wun aspekt ov the Wor that I hav not yet seen aleuded tu—the inflooens ov the Wor on the kwestion ov a Werld Langwij. Esperanto, the cheef artifishal langwij, haz meni entheuziastik adheerents in Germany, amung utherz the distingwisht Prof. Ostwald, ov Leipsic. I suspekt that theez German Esperantists "entheuz" for Esperanto not so much bekauz thai lyk Esperanto az bekauz thai lyk English les. For no wun eksept a pan-Germanist seeriusli poots forwerd German az *the* Internashonal Langwij. The oenli posibel kandidaits for that proud pozishon ar English and French. Az regardz French, Walter Bagehot poot the mater in a nut-shel when he sed that "French iz the *patois* ov Europe, but English iz the langwij ov the werld."

Wun rezult ov the viktori ov the Alyz iz that Germany wil kontineu the proeses ov eliminaishon ov forin werdz which thai began on the outbraik ov the Wor. Deuring the siks weeks I woz in Karlsruhe aafter the Wor began, this moovment tu replais French and English werdz by naitiv German ekwivalents had begun. The "Café Piccadilly" had bekum the "Gasthaus zum Vaterland." A "beefsteak" had been krisend a "Rindstück." (*Duz* a "beefsteak," by the wai, taist az wel by eni uther naim?) The French "sauce" haz bekum a "Tunke." Nou, wun rezult ov

the Wor wil probabli be that this "patriotik" proeses wil be stil ferther developt, and German, aulredi a hoem-spun idiom, wil bekum mor nashonal and les internashonal than ever. On the uther hand, in Russia, German wil sees tu be euzd az a meedium, and it iz lykli that English wil maik proegres. Aulredi befor the Wor it woz bekuming fashonabel tu speek English, and the fakt that the Tsar euzez the langwij in famili lyf no dout helpt this inovaishon. The los ov German koloniz in the Far Eest and in Africa wil aulso meen that neu teritori haz been wun for English. This fakt iz a fresh insentiv tu advaans the klaimz ov a reformd speling. For our magnifisent langwij, with its simpel gramar, wood forj ahed if wuns the difikulti ov our abserdli kaiotik speling wer remoovd. When Esperanto kan klaim 130,000,000 ov adheerents az English kan [that iz, az meni az French (40,000,000) and German (85,000,000) poot tugether], then it wil be tym tu diskus its klaimz. The oenli valid argeument for Esperanto iz that it iz neutral and duz not eksyt nashonal jelusiz. But Germanz aloen wood feel that az an argeument against English.

THE BIZNES MAN AND RASHONAL SPELING.

SUM veri pregnant werdz on the relaishon between the metrik sistem and British forin traid wer uterd by Mr. Arthur M. Samuel, Member ov the Kounsil ov the Asoesiaishon ov Chaimberz ov Komers, tu biznes men hoo had met tu konsider the best methodz ov marketing British goodz abraud:

> I never sees tu erj az a biznes man and az guvernor ov the historikal publik skoolz ov England [sed Mr. Samuel] the nesesiti for a rearainjment ov our sistem ov waits and mezherz. In pooshing our traid abraud and in our koloniz, the adopshon ov a desimal—or, if eu lyk, deuo-desimal—sistem wood be an imens advaantij tu us. I think it wood aulso be an advaantij tu edeukaishon bekauz ov its simplisiti, and I noe, az a skool guvernor and az a skoolboi, that if our kumbrus sistem ov waits and mezherz wer seuperseeded by the metrik sistem, the tym saivd wood alou a lad an ekstra yeer ov oporteuniti in which tu lern uther thingz.

Kood not everi werd be sed with eekwal fors ov reformd speling? Nuthing is mor sertin than that the biznes man, hoo rainz az wel az

servz in the werld ov komers, must intimaitli konsern himself with theez nashonal problemz. Thai ar, in a veri speshal sens, hiz afair. He kan no longer pleed imershon in biznes and sai he leevz theez thingz tu the akademishanz. The man hoo nouadaiz noez oenli the werld ov biznes noez that werld veri il.

The tradishonal veu ov the man ov komers iz sumwhot diferent. With delikait impertinens, the French euz the werd *l'épicier* az a sinonim for "Philistine," and we, without stereotyping our impreshon ov the konekshon between filistinizm and traid, hav in the paast aloud ourselvz tu regard it az neerli konsekwenshal. Aul that iz chainjd nou. We noe that az the feeld ov the komershal man iz wydening, so iz hiz vizhon; that, without the imajinaishon tu konseev and the wil tu eksekeut, he iz lost komershali az wel az spirituali. We noe that he must be aibel, with the poët, tu dip intu the feuteur, and, with the profet, tu reed the synz ov the tymz.

Germany'z Polisi.

Thus it iz that a moovment such az the Simplifyd Speling moovment kan, with konfidens, maik its apeel tu men ov afairz. Inishiaitiv, the wil tu chainj when chainj iz dezyrabel, ar gifts not konfynd tu akademishanz. Let us whisper it—thai ar not aulwaiz veri prominentli displaid in that kworter. The ferst konsideraishon which maid Germany chainj her speling woz a komershal wun. She wonted forin traid, she wonted tu popeularyz the German langwij, and, with Teutonik thuroenes, she proseeded tu set her orthografikal hous in order. It iz intolerabel nou that she shood be aibel tu taunt us with our devoeshon tu a sistem ov speling and kounting that poots us komershali and edeukaishonali at a tremendus disadvaantij.

When wun konsiderz the inevitabelnes ov speling reform, wun iz driven tu impaishens with the rais which argeuz in efekt that, bekauz a reform iz inevitabel, it iz thairfor not erjent. "O, speling reform wil kum," peepel sai eezili, paasing oever the nesesiti for aasking themselvz the far mor important kwestion: "When wil it kum?" It wil never kum til thoez hoo leed in the werld ov komers and ov edeukaishon fors it on thoez hoo foloe. A skoolmaaster wuns sed that he divyded hiz klaas intu too—thoez hoo didn't mynd dooing a good deel ov thinking tu saiv werk, and thoez hoo didn't mynd dooing a good deel ov werk tu saiv thinking. He aded, sadli, that the later klaas woz the mor neumerus. We feer that thai ar mor neumerus aulso in the larjer domain ov lyf.

Hapili, in everi skool thair ar sum reprezentativz ov the ferst klaas, and whot thai lak in kwontiti thai euzheuali maik up in dryving pouer. "Werld maikerz, dreemerz ov dreemz" in the poët's fraiz, it iz thai hoo

> Stil with laafter, song, and shout,
> Spin the grait wheel ov erth about.

It iz thai on hoom everi reform sins the begining ov the werld haz had tu depend—Simplifyd Speling with the rest. We noe whyl theez endeur our kauz iz saif.

KORESPONDENS.

MR. A. T. MALING, ov Summertown, Oxford, ryts:

I venteur tu send dhe foloing coments on Mr. Gundry'z contribeushon in eur last number (paijez 19–23). I giv dhem under hiz oan numbering (paijez 20, 21). Curent ("oald") spelingz I encloaz in brakets [ ].

1, 2.—*Y* for difthongal or "long" *i*. I entyrli aproov; aulso *eu* for *yu*, widh dhe rezulting "hidius, rytius," ets.

4, 5.—*Uu* iz aul veri wel in print, but intolerabli lyabl tu ambigeuiti in ryting. Dhe wun wurd, "fool," widh its inevitabl asoasiaishonz, precloodz dhe eus ov *oo* for dhe short vouel, and points tu its eus for dhe long. I moast emfaticali protest against dhe propoazal tu denoat dhem boath by dhe saim simbol. Diferent soundz must aulwaiz be distingwisht by diferent synz whenever dhair iz eni posibiliti ov confeuzhon. Shoorli eu wuod not confeuz [fool] and [full], [pool] and [pull], [shoed] and [should], or ryt [foot] az if it rymd widh [root]! Tu my mynd dhair iz *nuthing* tu be sed for such a sujestion; it wuod be sheer los. For dhe short sound I hav nuthing beter tu sujest dhan dhe *uo* ov "Glossic," which haz no asoasiaishonz, and wuod be at wuns understuod by context. I doan't lyk *v* (whot ar eu tu caul it in speling, az a vouel?); nor *ue*, which myt leed tu dificulti.

(Dhe abuv prinsipl aulso nesesitaits distincshon between dhe too soundz ov *th*, az in "reeth" [=wreath] and "reedh" [=wreathe]; and between dhe too soundz ov *o* befoar *r*, az in "for" [=for] and "foar" [=fore, four], which I wish again tu emfasyz. Compair my remarks beloa on *er* and *ur*.)

6.—Silabic *l* seemz tu me quyt ryt in aul caisez whair in curent speling *-le* fynal imeedietli foloaz a consonant. In such caisez I sertinli pronouns no vouel befoar dhe *l*; dhe *l* itself funcshonz az a vouel. Dhis maiks dhe distincshon between "ydl" [=idle] and "ydol" [=idol], "prinsipl" [=principle] and "prinsipal" [=principal]. So aulso silabic *m* in "cazm" or "kazm" [=chasm], "prizm" [=prism], ets.; but ov coars not in "sistem," whair dhe vouel iz cleerli herd. Lykwyz I sound, and shuod ryt, fynal silabic *n* in moast caisez after *d*, *t*, *s*, *z*, *th*, *dh* ("bidn, ritn, baisn, rizn, lengthn, heedhn"); but not, I think, in "oapen," whair a slyt vouel sound iz herd, at enî rait in cairful speech; so aulso in "wuolen" [=woollen], az against "wuodn" [=wooden]. (Silabic *r* duz not egzist in English: dhair iz aulwaiz a vouel sound befoar dhe *r*, eevn whair curent British speling haz *-re*, az in [centre], which ov coars aut tu be [center], lyk [cylinder].) I shuod not object tu dhoaz hoo doo sound a vouel befoar dhe *l* or *n* ryting *-el*, *-en*; no grait harm wuod be dun if lejitimet varyetiz ov pronunsiaishon wer reflected in dhe speling (which wuod dhen be dhe moar strictli fonetic); provyded dhat in everi cais dhe speeker'z *cairful*, not *cairles*, pronunsiaishon be reprezented.

8.—I shuod retain *ex-* when sounded *eks-* (but not in "egzact, egzist," ets.); and aulso *x* jenerali az a conveenient epitome ov *ks*, az in "fix, box." I wuod eevn let peepl ryt "sox" (az shopmen doo aulredi), "stix" [=sticks], "dux" [=ducks], ets., if dhai choaz.

If *-tion* and *-sion* ar retaind, we must aulso retain *-tial*, *-tious*, *-cial*, *-cian*, *-cious*, ets. Dhis wuod shoorli leed us too far from dhe fonetic prinsipl. I shuod ryt aul dheez widh dhe *sh* or *zh* az pronounst.

9.—If *-ant*, *-ent*, *-ans*, *-ens* (and shoorli aulso *-ansi*, *-ensi*) ar tu be leveld tu wun form, I shuod prefer *a* tu *e*, az moar sujestiv ov dhe obsceur vouel (az in [china, postman], ets.). But such leveling (eedher wai) wuod leed tu anomaliz lyk "esans, esenshal" (against "substans, substanshal"), or els "substens, substanshal" (against "esens, esenshal"). On dhe hoal, dhairfor, I shuod leev dheez vouelz veri much az dhai ar at prezent.

10.—Terminal short *-i* seemz tu me quyt ryt; dhe substiteushon ov *-y* iz needles and confeuzing, espeshali if *y* be aulso euzd for "long" (*i.e.* difthongal) *i*. Dhe fynal soundz ov (*e.g.*) "reply" and "simpli" aut sertenli tu be distingwisht. Shoorli Mr. Gundry'z eer iz misled by hiz y (hiz oan or dhe *y* in "eternity"—it maiks no diferens!) when he dedeusez such short vouelz from the difthongal *i*! Dhe histori ov dhe wurdz at wuns disproovz such a noashon; the *y* ov [eternity] iz a naroing ov dhe orijinal French *é* (so in [city], ets.); dhe *y* ov [history], [lily], ets., iz a wydning ov an orijinal *ie* = Eng. *-ee*; boath proasesez rezulting in dhe saim sound, which iz so neerli dhat ov *i* in "bit" dhat it iz not wurth whyl tu distingwish it. Such rymz az [charity] and [cry] ar, I shuod sai, meerli rymz tu dhe y [=eye], lyk [thrush] and [bush], [love] and [move]; and dhe rym [Thessaly] and [die] iz an analojical extenshon, becoz [die] myt be ritn "dy."

I aproov "he, me, be" (vb.); aulso "no, so, gro," ets. (but in sum caisez a distincshon haz tu be maid, *e.g.* "belo" [=bellow], "beloa" [=below]); not "mi," becoz I ryt "my."

I see litl eus in atemting tu distingwish homonimz, exept dhat "I" iz conveenient for dhe pronoun, against y [=eye].

Az tu *ur* and *er* (paij 23), I see no eus in distingwishing dhem *az strest and unstrest*; but I wuod retain dhem az in dhe curent speling (widh *er* for curent *ir* and *ear*, and *ur* for curent *or* when so pronounst), *az reprezenting orijinali diferent soundz which ar stil distingwisht by meni speekerz; e.g.* "erth" and "wurld," which I myself sound widh ydentical vouelz, but a Scotchman nateurali soundz widh presysli dhe vouelz ov "bet" and "but" respectivli, and meni udherz sound widh sum aproach tu dheez.

On dhe udher hand, I prefer tu ryt "after, pas, chant, soft, cloth," ets., dho "aafter, paas, chaant, sauft, clauth," ets., moar neerli reprezent whot I sai. In such caisez I am wiling tu consider dhe lengthend vouel az a meer cazheual vairiant which I doan't wish tu foars on udherz hoo retain dhe orijinal short wun; and in fact I think dheez vouelz ar not euzheuali so long az dhoez in [half, wrath], which I wuod ryt "haaf, rauth." Dhe retenshon ov dhe singl vouel haz aulso dhe advantej ov keeping dhe wurdz in or neer dhair familiar formz.

For dhis last reezn, and aulso for conveeniens in ryting, I euz *c* insted ov *k* whair it ocurz widh dhe sound ov *k* in curent speling. Dhis iz, perhaps, not perfectli fonetic; but too simbolz for dhe saim sound ar far les objecshonabl dhan dhe saim simbol for too diferent soundz.

Mr. David Isaacs, 64 Elizabeth Street, Cheetham, Manchester, ryts az foloez:

Az a neukumer intu theez afairz I hav sum hezitaishon in ofering sujestionz; but it mai be interesting tu heer whot eeven an amateur haz tu sai. If theez sujestionz hav been maid befor, pleez doen't print them.

I see from The Pioneer that utherz besyd myself hav dislykt the speling *ie* for the vouel sound in werdz lyk "bite," and that *y* haz been propoezd tu replais it. This seemz an ekselent ydea, but it leevz for dis-

kushon the waiz in which konsonantal *y* kan be eksprest. Wun kan wel agree that the arainjment by which "young" and "youth" ar riten "yung" and "yuth" transgresez the premis that no too diferent soundz in S.S. shal be riten in the saim wai.

My sujestion wood enaibel us tu get rid ov this and uther anomaliz. It iz that we shood euz *i* inishali in plais ov *y*. The werd "Yankee," for instans, beginz and endz with the saim sound; why shood the ferst sound not be riten lyk the sekond—"Ianki"?

Let us konsider theez kaisez: "iard = yard, ies = yes, ield = yelled, ieeld = yield, ior = yore, iau = yaw, iai = yea, iung = young, iot = yacht."

Then we kood ryt *y aulwaiz* for long *i*: "Yanthe = Ianthe, Yolanthe = Iolanthe" (but "Ioland = Yolande"); "ydea, desyd, alyd, yl = isle" ("aisle")," ets. Wuns the rool iz noen, everithing iz kleer.

I hav omitted in the werdz beginning with *y* the werd "youth," bekauz, aultho we kood be konsistent and riet "iuuth, Iuul" ("Yule"), "iuuneek" ("unique"), thus maiking kleer the diferens between "iung" and "iuuth," it seemz much beter tu adopt a sujestion aulredi maid, and aksept *eu* for the sound it reprezents in O.S. The kombinaishon *iuu*, tho lojikal in "iuunyt" ("unite") and such werdz, wood be klumzi, ugli, and veri eezi tu misreed; its replaisment by *eu* wood, I think, be an ekstreemli good stroek for S.S. So tu our list abuv we ad: "euth = youth, euz = use (verb), beuti = beauty, reveu = review," and not feer tu ryt "euerz" ("ewers"), "reveuer, deual," and so on. So we get oever, for instans, the auful werd "yuzhyual," which reesentli frytend the "Manchester Guardian," and with good kauz!

The oenli modifikaishonz in our proegram ar thus: *y* for long *i* (az in "bite"), *i* for konsonantal *y*, *eu* for long *u* (az in "beauty").

[Mr. Isaacs, hoom we welkum az a neu kontribeutor, wil see that in our prezent iseu we hav adopted *y* and *eu* for eksperimental perposez. We agree with him that thair iz much tu be sed in faivor ov *i* in plais ov whot he rytli kaulz "konsonantal *y*"; but the laast sound ov "Yankee" iz not konsonantal. Thair iz ofen no kleer divyding lyn between a veri short *i* and a konsonantal *y*; but the distinkshon iz a real wun.]

Our valeud helper, Mr. ANDREW BRODRICK, ov 77 Mount Road, Higher Tranmere, Birkenhead, ryts:

Tho I doo not lai klaim tu eni real nolej ov fonetiks eksept whot THE PIONEER haz taut me, I shood lyk, az a regeular euzer ov Simplifyd Speling, tu poot on rekord my opinion, for whot it mai be wurth, ov the neu notaishonz propoezd by Mr. Gundry and utherz.

1. The substiteushon ov *y* for *ie*.—I think this wood be a grait gain, and it wood eliminait wuns for aul the aparent inkonsistensi in the speling ov the Sosyeti'z naim, which rouzez so much hostyl kritisizm. I doo not see eni objekshon tu retaining the konsonantal valeu ov *y* in wurdz lyk "yard, yes," ets. I think the pursonal pronoun myt stil advantaijusli be riten "I," and "eye" (O.S.) "y."

2. *Eu* for *yu*.—I think this aulso wood be a grait gain.

3, 4, and 5.—Pursonali, I think the nesesiti for an okaizhonal dyakritik iz no grait draubak. I konklood that it iz tu *avoid* dyakritiks that *oa* iz konsiderd tu be a beter notaishon than *oe*. I konsider the later preferabel, for *oa* tu me aulwaiz seemz tu indikait the soundz I heer in "Noah," tho this mai be prejoodis on my part. I doo not see eni grait objekshon tu the eus ov *v* for the short *oo*, tho az an aulturnativ I wood sujest that *oo* be euzd for boeth the short and the long soundz—that iz, for the soundz in boeth "pull" and "pool." If the later aulturnativ be adopted, I konklood it iz intended that the too soundz shood kum tu be pronounst alyk.

6. The silabik *l* fynali.—On this point I doo not feel kompetent tu ekspres an opinion, but I supoez Mr. Gundry'z objekshon tu ryting "trouble" "trubl" iz that the *l* iz klipt too much by lurnerz, sumthing lyk the French *-le* at the end ov a wurd.

7. *Aksent*.—For the veri reezon that it shoez whair the aksent faulz in such wurdz az "prefur, preferabel," ets., I faivor the retenshon ov boeth *ur* and *er*.

8.—I wood not retain *-tion* and *-sion*.

9.—I think it wood be a good plan tu redeus *-ant* and *-ent*, and *-ans* and *-ens* tu the later form in eech kais.

10. *Turminal Formz*.—(*a*) Az a jeneral rool, I see no objekshon tu redeusing the komonest monosilabelz, such az "me, he," ets. This wood konstiteut wun simpel rool, which wood be memoryzd eezili by the lurner, and wood be justifyd on the skor ov breviti, and the freekwensi with which the wurdz okur. (*b*) I doo not agree with Mr. Gundry regarding the apeerans ov *i* fynali. It seemz tu me tu be a purfekt notaishon, and iz much eezier tu ryt than *y*, tu which later I wood surtinli not revurt. (*c*) I doo not see sufishent reezon for the chainj sujested heer.

Our oeld frend, Mr. HENRY DRUMMOND, ov Hetton-le-Hole, ryts :

ie.—This mai not be a satisfaktori diegraf, but it iz preferabel tu *y*, boeth for tipik and skript eus, being shorter and mor sietli. Longhand iz, alas! *too long aulredi*, and shud not be maid longer bi the adishon ov *y*'z tailz.

Tu euz *y* for *ie*, *i*, and *y* (az a konsonant) iz lojikali indefensibel.

eu.—Just az *y* iz objekshonabel for *i*, it iz eekwali so for *ū*. The eus ov *yu*, meediali, haz kauzd the enemi tu blasfeem and tu laf mor than eni uther diegraf in the S.S. skeem. On theez groundz aloen it shud be dropt, whotever diegraf for *ū* mai be agreed upon.

It iz kwestionabel whether *yu*, inishali, shud be adopted az a konseshon tu kustom. Thoez konseshonz ar ofen targets for the lojishan, and for the kroud, tu laf at. A good-naiteurd laf iz helthi, but wun ov ridikeul iz retardful ov proegres. Simplifikaishon ov orthografi shud not be impeeded bi its frendz provieding "food" for the enemi.

oo.—Euz *oo* for long and short soundz, or *u* for short *oo* and *ŭ*; *u* iz preferabel.

el.—Az *-le* iz silabik, it aut tu hav the silabik akumpaniment—a vouel; thairfor riet *-el*, maiking the past tens les ugli bi braiking up and divieding the fienal konsonants: "trub(e)ld."

Unstrest Vouelz.—The eus ov *-ent*, *-ens*, *-ius* bringz the reprezentaishon mor intu lien with koloekwial ekspreshon.

Terminal Vouelz.—Theez shud be euniform with inishal and meedial forms.

Homonimz.—Theez rairli, if ever, kauz me eni trubel; nor hav I met or herd ov a *fonografik* reporter ekspeeriensing eni difikulti in transkrieb-ing hiz noets. I wuns chalenjd the editor ov the "Yorkshire Post" tu proov that thai kauzd konfeuzhon tu the reporter or kompozitor, but he did not aksept mi chalenj.

MR. GUNDRY (Wissa Skool, Assiut, Upper Egypt) returnz tu the charj with this leter :

Thank eu ferst ov aul for printing my leter in the Aipril number. If I nou proseed tu indulj in rejoinderz tu eny kritisizm paast upon my ydeaz, I supoaz the point wil soon be reecht at which egzasperaited editorz eksklaim in italiks, "This korespondens must nou sees." But az the remedi lyz in eur oan handz, and eu kan best juj whether the kauz iz servd by kontineuing the argeument, I permit myself tu ekspres my objekshonz tu sum ov eur remarks.

Ferst, let me re-stait my prinsipel : "In a sound system ov speling it shvd be posibel tu ryt the spoaken werd when herd, and tu pronouns the riten werd when seen." This seemz tu me preferabel tu the mor epigramatik "Wun sound, wun syn" for praktikal purposez.

We difer moast on the long and short *oo*. I beg eu tu noat that the short *oo* iz the rairest ov English vouel soundz, whyl long *oo* iz very komon. Thairfor in maiking a chainj from egzisting speling it iz beter tu

aply the chainj at the former point, and az it okerz mor seldom it kan mor eezili bair a vyolent chainj. So whether we euz *uu*, *ue*, or *v* az a substiteut for wun form ov *oo*, it shvd replais the short, not the long form.

I kan fynd oanly twenty-too komon werdz with the short *oo*. It seemz tu hav an afinity for *-k*, az "book" haz siks or seven rymz, and parshialy for *-l*, whairaz the long *oo* kombynz redily with neerly aul konsonants.

I kan not aksept *oo* for boath soundz. Whot bekumz ov eur "Wun sound, wun syn" in this event? Besydz, noatis the foloing pairz (O.S.): "Could, cooed; would, wooed; soot, suit; bull, buhl; full, fool; pull, pool." In adishon tu theez, I think "shoed" iz a jeneuyn werd (tho "shod" iz jeneraly mor korekt), and needz tu be distingwisht from "should." I pronouns "moor" (noun) short and "moor" (verb) long, but I am not shoor whether I am ryt. The koloakwial kontrakshon ov "hoo wvd" wvd aulso klash with "hood."

I objekt tu *uu* on eesthetik groundz. Eesthetiks ar not a meer mater ov kustom; thair iz an underlying lau. Thair remainz ytherv or *ue*. I prefer *v*, az the vouel iz short. Noat that the short *oo* never okerz with the konsonantal *v*.

"Trublz" lvks lyk wun silabel. When I maik versez I euz it az too, but I wil not inflikt myn on eu.

The form, "sosyety," duz not ofend against the prinsipel I enunsiaited abuv. I did not say that fynal *-y* woz ekwivalent tu the vouel in (O.S.) "bite," but that it woz the short form ov the saim, difering from it az the short *oo* diferz from the long *oo*. *-i* iz a bad fynal in point ov apeerans. "Rayment" iz aul ryt, being, I think, shortend from "arrayment." I distinktly agree with eur sujestion: *er* for *ur* in aul kaisez.

The Rev. HENRY HODDER, Wesley Villa, Pontefract, ryts:

I agree with eu and Mr. Gundry that we ar ryp for the setlment ov sum ov the problemz which hav been befor us. A voet mai be given for whot seemz a desysiv advaantij, and in anuther kais whair the balans iz oenli slyt.

Respekting *ur* or *er*: I prefur tu maintain the distinkshon between the strest and unstrest soundz. *y* or *ie*: I prefur *y*, keeping it aulso az a konsonant. *yu* or *eu*: I prefur *eu*. *oo* or *uu*: I kan not get tu lyk *uu*. An important konsideraishon in faivor ov eutilyzing *oo* for boeth soundz iz that in the "Spesimenz ov Egzaminaishon Paiperz" kwoeted in THE PIONEER for Oktoeber and Desember oenli wun syn (*oo*) iz euzd for the too soundz. If, houever, *uu* be retaind, I wood keep it tu reprezent the sound which okurz les freekwentli, and let *oo* doo deuti for the wun mor ofen rekwyrd. I prefur *-l* tu *-el*, *-ent* tu *-ant*, *-ius* tu *-eus*.

Turminal vouelz: I wood maintain the eekonomik shortening ov "he, me, mi, no, so." *-i* or *-y*: I prefur *-i*—thus, "chariti."

MR. F. M. SEXTON, Warwick Lodge, Hampton Wick, ryts (we leev hiz oen speling):

I hav red with interest Mr. Gundry's leter in the laast number ov THE PYONEER and agree with much that he ses, but I must confess that I uterli fail tu see how he can lojicali euz *y* tu represent its sounds in "many" and "my." If on a fonetic sistem "peny" spels "penny," then on the saim sistem "deny" shuud rym with this wurd. Agen, if on a fonetic sistem "deny" spels "deny," then "meny" shuud rym with this wurd. Thairfor, on Mr. Gundry's sistem, "deny" shuud rym boath with (O.S.) "defy" and "penny."

Sins we now spel "sunniest, merriest," ets., with an *i*, thair seems litel reezon why we shuud not euz this leter in the corresponding simpel wurds.

The propoazd eus ov *v* for the "wood" vowel iz neat and injeenius, but I am convinsd it wil never be acseppted on acownt ov its being a form foren tu the recognyzd English speling.

I think it iz a mistaik at the prezent staij tu advocait drastic chainjes; we must be contennt tu moov sloeli.

Az regaards the stresd silabel, the moar I euz fonetic speling the moar convinsd I becum that it aut tu be indicaited.

A comparrison ov such wurds az "digress" and "tigress," "crescent" and "descent," ets., wil shoe whot a grait diferens the stres maiks in the pronunsiaision. I think we aut tu fais the dificulti, not pretend that it iz ov litel impoartans.

I doo not lyk the "shon" form euzd for the terminaision *-tion*, and hav for sum tym euzd *-sion* and *-zion*, so az tu retain the *i* as sujessted by Dr. Bridges. I cannot understand why on the S.S.S. sistem "question" iz riten "kwestion" in plais of "kweschon."

This leter iz riten on the saim sistem az my former wuns in which I atemmpt tu shoe the pozision ov the stresd silabel and maik sertain consessions tu prezent forms. I wil not trespas on yoor spais by seting out the sistem in detail.

I hav for moar than a year euzd *y*, *eu*, *oo*, and *uu* in plais ov *ie*, *yu*, *uu*, and *oo*, and stil feel that thay ar beter than the later forms.

I agree that "he, we, no, so," &c., shuud retain thair prezent forms; in fact, my rool iz tu "keep az cloasli az posibel tu current forms provyded the sound iz clear."

NOETS AND NEUZ.

The membership ov the Sosieti nou numberz 2506.

Whot Speling Kosts the Sivil Servis.

A teutor in the larjest Sivil Servis preparaishon kolej in Britain informz us that the tym devoeted tu speling dril by Sivil Servis steudents in thair kolej iz wun our in everi thre. Oenli "biter konstraint and sad okaizhon deer" wood ekskeuz whot iz edeukaishonali such a sad waist ov tym. Yet everi minit ov it iz obviusli needed, for we lern that the thre subjekts in which moest kandidaits looz marks ar speling, handryting, and maneuskript kopiing (the laast, ov kors, being praktikali a speling test).

Training for Stait Servis.

No kolej, indeed, with so hy a repeutaishon az the kolej in kwestion wood komit its steudents tu this drujeri wer it unnesesari. "Why iz it nesesari?" the humbel seeker aafter trooth must aask. Ar eu a beter man bekauz it haz been seerd on eur brain, aafter ourz ov laibor and pedagojik viteuperaishon, that the saim sound (and, pleez noet, etimolojists, the saim root) spelz *-ceed* in "proceed" and *-cede* in "precede"? It iz not for thoez hoo administer our edeukaishonal lauz, but for thoez hoo maik them, tu ryz up and protest against this waistij. Let us hav a sistem ov speling that kan be maasterd whyl children ar at skool, so that when thai proseed tu kolej tu studi thair lyf werk thai mai be given, in the ekspresiv werdz ov Walter Scott, sumthing "kragi tu braik thair myndz on"—sumthing werthi ov the oepening intelijens. It iz no lyt mater that the man hoo shood be choezen from amung hiz feloez tu serv the Stait iz the man hooz mynd haz been so eksersyzd in unreezon that he haz a parot-lyk familiariti with its diktaits.

Deth ov Profesor Lounsbury, Author ov "English Spelling and Spelling Reform."

It iz with pekeuliar regret that we anouns the deth ov Profesor Lounsbury, Profesor Emeritus ov English in Yale Euniversiti, which took plais in Aipril. Hiz servis tu the kauz ov speling reform iz no slyt wun, for in hiz book, *English Spelling and Spelling Reform*, he woz the ferst tu bring the subjekt within the

domain ov *belles-lettres*, and tu kapteur and enchain the interest ov the jeneral reeder. Tu hiz lyf-werk—the studi ov our langwij and literateur—he braut an aulmoest saserdoetal ernestnes, so that the kry ov "vandal," ofen uterd against speling reformerz, in hiz kais faulsifyd itself. Az real nolej breedz afekshon without ydolatri, admiraishon without seuperstishon, so hiz nolej ov our langwij, az in the kais ov meni grait skolarz in the Reformd Speling moovment, left him free tu konseev an eeven graiter perfekshon for the English tung.

When the ferst braud prinsipelz ov the moovment hav been graaspt, thair ar feu books beter fited tu lai the foundaishon ov a real interest in the feuteur ov English orthografi than Profesor Lounsbury'z. Syolist and skolar alyk kum under the spel ov its urbain wit, its ereudishon smeling not ov the lamp, but ov the floueri feeldz ov poësi.

A Kaul tu Werk.

Everi reformer haz hiz moements when he feelz the strugel naut availeth, and when hiz apreesiaishon ov the difikultiz ov hiz werk prodeusez oenli lasiteud and inershia. The klarion noet ov enkurijment iz needed tu konvert that sens ov difikulti intu a determinaishon tu endeur. Sum such noet we heer in the fyn werdz with which the book kloezez :

> Thair iz nuthing werth living for that iz not werth fyting for. But the taask iz no lyt wun. Not meerli hav ignorans and prejoodis tu be oeverkum, but, whot iz far wers, steupiditiz, against which, the poët telz us, eeven the godz fyt unviktorius. The hyer klaas ov myndz hav, indeed, been larjli gaind oever. But thair iz litel limit tu the endevor that must be poot forth befor eni impreshon kan be maid upon that inert mas which preferz tu remain kontent with eni degree ov eror, houever grait, in preferens tu maiking eni atemt tu korekt it, houever slyt. Stil, this iz the euzheual ekspeeriens ov aul moovments which aim tu oeverthroe "the rain ov il kustom"—tu euz Johnson'z werdz—which haz long prevaild. The advokaits ov reform ov English orthografi kan ekspekt nuthing diferent. But thai kan be enkurijd by the rekolekshon that the eforts ov men in the paast engaijd in eeven harder enterpryzez hav, aafter long yeerz ov strugel, been karid tu suksesful kompleeshon, bekauz the kombatants themselvz hav been sustaind by the hoep, and hav akted under the inspiraishon, that whot aut tu be iz tu be.

A Veteran Speling Reformer.

The naim ov Mr. Henry Drummond must be familiar tu aul reederz ov THE PIONEER az a tyrles champion ov Speling Reform hoo haz waijd a long worfair in the pres and out ov it on behaaf ov our moovment. We shood not lyk tu kount hou meni leterz Mr. Drummond haz riten in order tu disipait the thik kloud ov ignorans and prejoodis that stil seround the kwestion. It iz with plezher that we reprint from the "Durham Chronicle" part ov a byografikal skech, riten on the okaizhon ov hiz retyrment aafter forti-too yeerz' servis for the Hetton and North Hetton Koel Kumpaniz, and reveeling the manifoeld interests and wydspred eusfulnes ov so valeud an advokait ov our kauz.

Mr. Drummond and Ser Isaac Pitman.

Feu men hav dun mor in the kauz ov Simplifyd Speling and in the promoeshon ov the sistem ov shorthand invented by Ser Isaac Pitman. He had along korespondens konekshon with Ser Isaac, and trezherz veri hyli a larj bach ov foenografik noets and leterz from that eminent jentelman. In wun ov them the noeted baronet eksprest a wish that thair wer forti Henry Drummondz in England —wun in eech kounti—tu poosh the kauz ov fonetik speling. It iz a moest interesting korespondens, and the laast komeunikaishon woz reseevd from him when Ser Isaac's lyf woz faast ebing out and hiz strength aulmoest gon. The shorthand karakterz look shaiki, and the ryter euzez the pathetik werdz : "I kan not ryt mor."

Mr. Drummond woz a member ov the ferst Speling Reform Asoesiaishon ;

servd on the Komiti for the promoeshon ov the Foenografik Joobilee in 1897, asisting Mr. Thomas Allen Reed and Mr. E. A. Cope in that noetabel event; ofishiaited on the Revizhon ov the Foenografik tekstbooks for the Joobilee Edishon, and woz akorded by Ser Isaac and hiz sunz a foetograveur ov the painting ov the inventor; iz a lyf member ov the Simplifyd Speling Sosyeti and akts az lekteurer, and woz rekwested laast yeer tu atend the sumer lekteurz ov the Edinburgh Euniversiti on behaaf ov the Sosyeti. He iz a ferm beleever in Simplifyd Speling and in shorthand on the ground ov ekonomi ov tym and laibor.

Az Pres Korespondent.

The Simplifyd Speling Sosyeti kood re-eko that wish for a redeuplikaishon ov Mr. Drummond tu the fortieth pouer. Hiz pres werk aloen iz ov jeneuin valeu. Thair iz in hiz leterz a sertin tartnes that givz them vytaliti and atrakts atenshon without enjendering hostiliti. Moroever, he haz aul the Northern tenasiti which maiks it a difikult mater tu disloj him from hiz pozishon. Mr. Drummond haz reprezented the Sosyeti at Konferensez, distribeuted literateur, kolekted petishon signateurz, deliverd lekteurz, and haz eeven introdeust reformd speling intu biznes katalogz and Cherch lekteur bilz. Mai hiz pen long floe smoothli in a wining kauz!

A Herald ov Speling Reform.

The Marlborough Skool, whair Mis Caroline Haynes haz braut tu perfekshon a sistem ov teeching reeding, krisend pritili the *Wörtergarten* sistem, iz reali a kynd ov forsing hous for that sterdi plaant, Speling Reform. Indeed, wun Inspektor went so far az tu sai that the oenli objekshon tu the sistem woz that "it seemd tu leed tu Simplifyd Speling." Yet whot ar its results? We kwoet a pasij from the Inspektor'z formal report: "A distinktiv feeteur iz the rapid proegres maid in reeding and speling, by meenz ov a speshal foenik method devyzd by the Hed Mistres. Whotever be its jeneral merits, it sukseedz in this skool, lyk a plaant thryving in its nateural soil. The children lyk lerning tu reed, and in the uper klaasez thai reed with eksepshonal flooensi."

If such rezults kan be obtaind with a sistem which oenli "seemz tu leed tu Simplifyd Speling," ar we not justifyd in hoeping that eeven mor wunderful rezults wood foloe from the eus ov Simplifyd Speling itself? Mis Haynes herself iz strongli ov this opinion, and haz werkt wel for Simplifyd Speling. Meni ov the signateurz she haz kolekted ar thoez ov teecherz hoo hav been maid konshus ov the defekts ov ordinari speling throo the *Wörtergarten* sistem.

Her invenshon iz moest injeenius; aul the stumbling-bloks and pitfaulz which our speling poots in the wai ov baibi feet ar—so tu speek—stroon oever with leevz and flouerz; the difikultiz ar "ternd tu faivor and tu pritines." So suksesful iz it that inkwyriz ar being maid az tu whether it myt not be aplyd tu the teeching ov English tu Indian children.

With aul her nateural luv for her invenshon, Mis Haynes frankli admits that it iz but a "haaf-wai hous" til Simplifyd Speling kumz; it iz an ekselent kompromyz, but she herself waits with us the kuming fulfilment ov the larjer hoep.

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